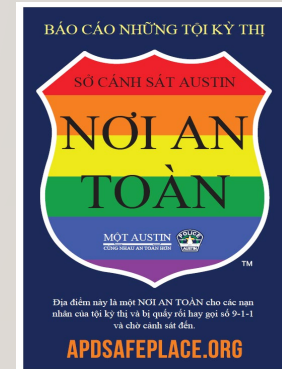
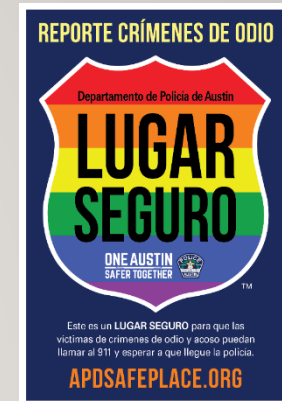


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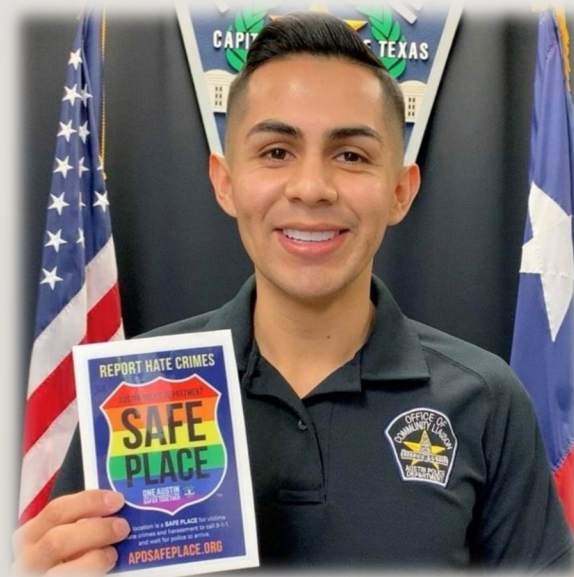
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AUSTIN, TX





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- LGBTQIA+ Outreach
- APD Safe Place Initiative

2008: Volunteer

2018: Employed

APD SAFE PLACE INITIATIVE

Free and voluntary partnership with the business, faith and non-profit community that serves a critical role in assisting victims of hate crimes.

- 1) *Call 911 on behalf of the victim
- 2) Create a safe place for the victim



Due to safety concerns, this initiative is NOT designed or authorized for individual and/or residential use



**you are not required to call 911 if there is no threat to life/property and the victim does not want police involved*

HISTORY

1970's: "Yellow Hand Program"

2014: Ofc. Jim Ritter appointed to Seattle PD LGBTQ+ Liaison

2015: Safe Place Program born to address under reporting of LGBTQ+ hate crimes

2018: Language changed to include everyone, not just LGBTQ+

2019: Austin PD becomes 1st agency in Texas to join and 1st in the world to offer it in multiple languages



ABOUT THE DECAL

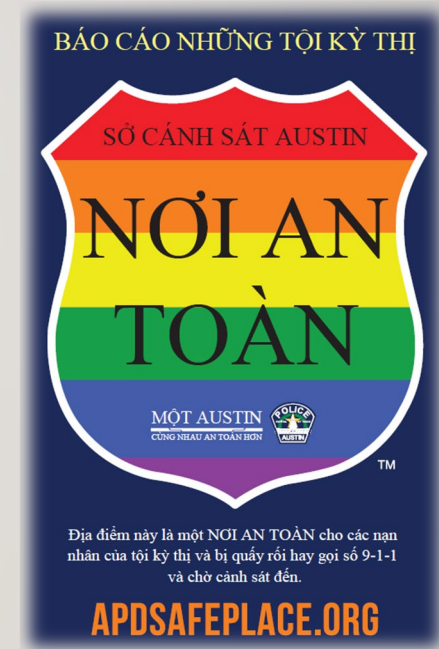
Trademarked by Seattle PD

3'-5' from the ground in all
entrances accessible to the public

Same decal across the U.S to
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Simplified Chinese



Vietnamese

PARTICIPATING ENTITIES



-10,000+ in the U.S.

T-Mobile®

WELLS
FARGO



LOCAL ENTITIES



105 in Austin, TX

WHAT IS THE FEDERAL DEFINITION OF A HATE CRIME?

A **criminal offense** against a **person** or **property** motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a person's **actual** or **perceived**:

-Race

-Disability

-Color

-Sexual orientation

-National origin/ethnicity

-Gender

-Religion

-Gender identity

WHAT IS THE TEXAS DEFINITION OF A HATE CRIME?

A **criminal offense** against a **person** or **property** motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a person's **actual** or **perceived**:

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-Disability

-Color

-Sexual orientation

-Peace officer

-National origin/ethnicity

-Gender

-Judge

-Religion

-Age

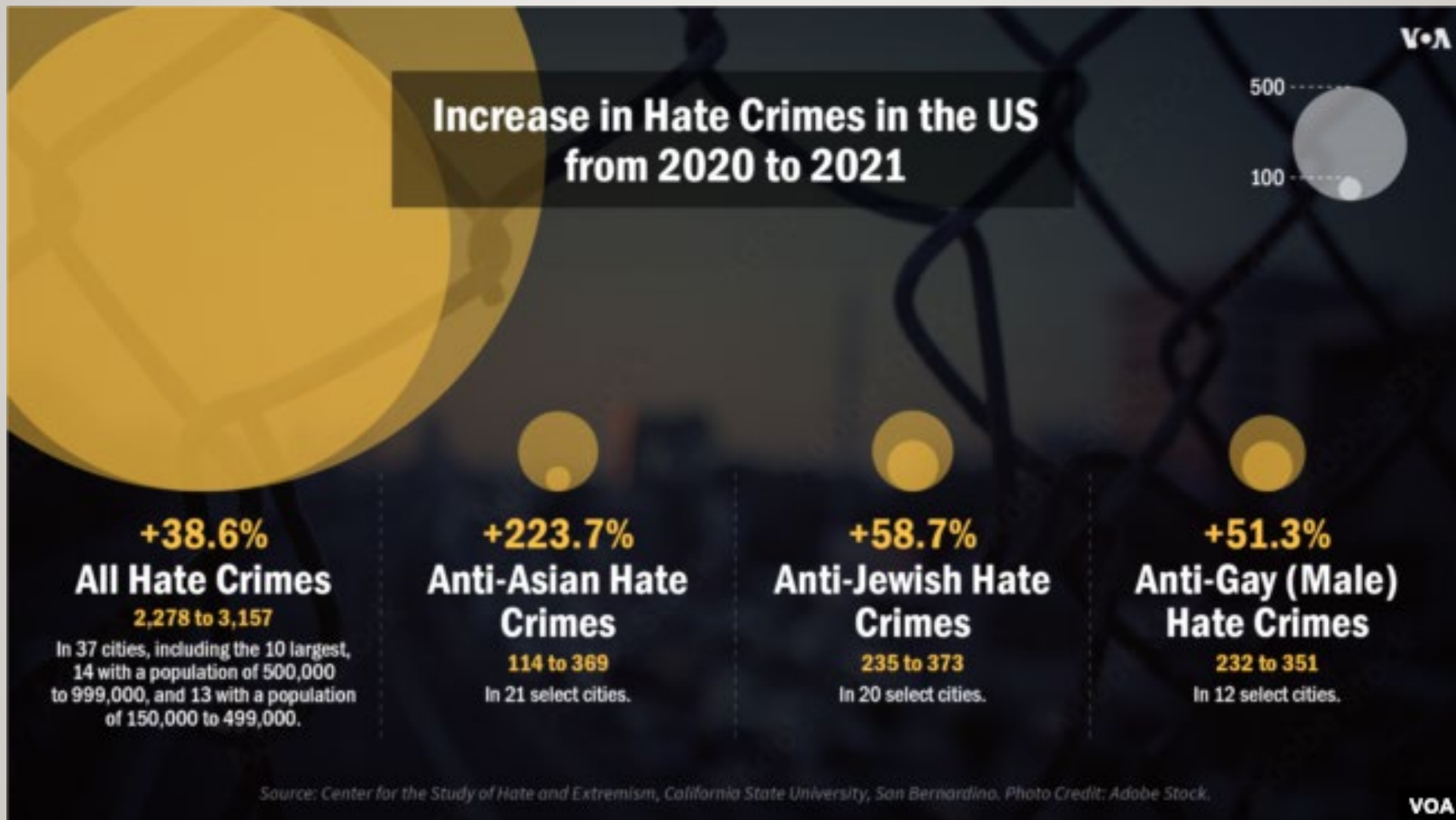
WHAT IS A BIAS INCIDENT (HATE SPEECH)?

-Bias incidents are **non-criminal**.

-Bias incidents are where a subject uses/directs offensive/derogatory words at an individual and/or group during constitutionally **protected free speech** and the subject does not accompany those words with direct threats and/or actions.

“Hateful speech is not a crime, but it can be evidence of a hate crime.”



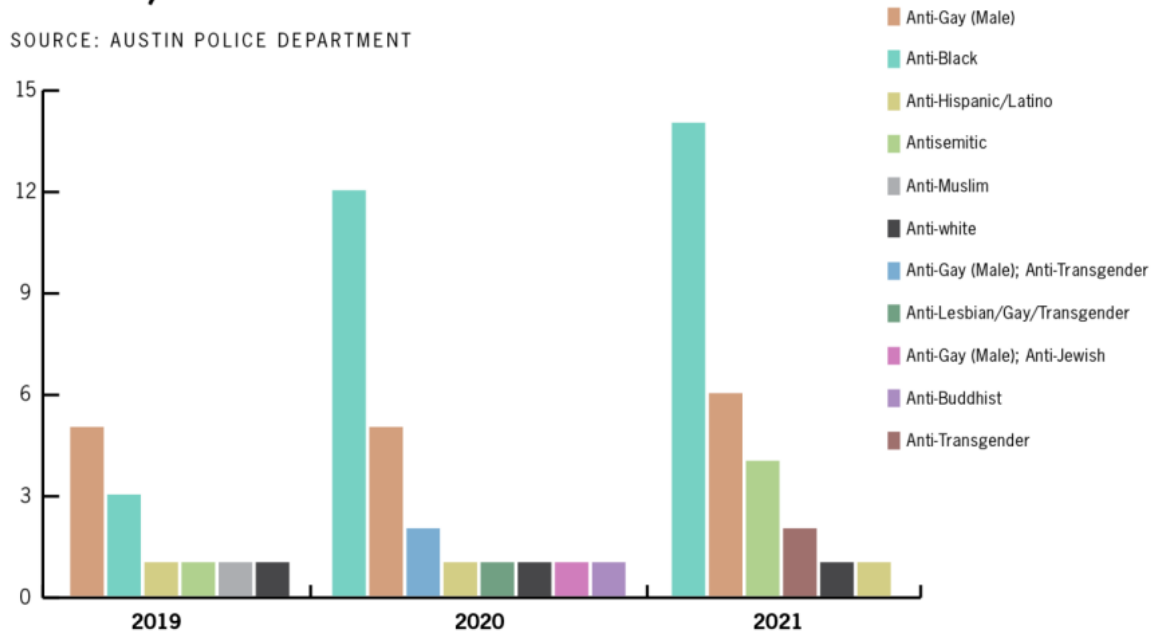


According to Stop AAPI Hate, Texas ranks 4th in anti-Asian hate crimes

AUSTIN, TX STATISTICS

APD Hate crime reports bias motivation 2019, 2020 and 2021

SOURCE: AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



1 of 16,000 agencies that reports to
the FBI

AUSTIN, TX STATISTICS

2015

Total: 14

Anti-LGBTQ+: 6

2018

Total: 18

Anti-LGBTQ+: 5

2016

Total: 17

Anti-LGBTQ+: 7

2019

Total: 12

Anti-LGBTQ+: 5

2017

Total: 17

Anti-LGBTQ+: 5

2020

Total: 17

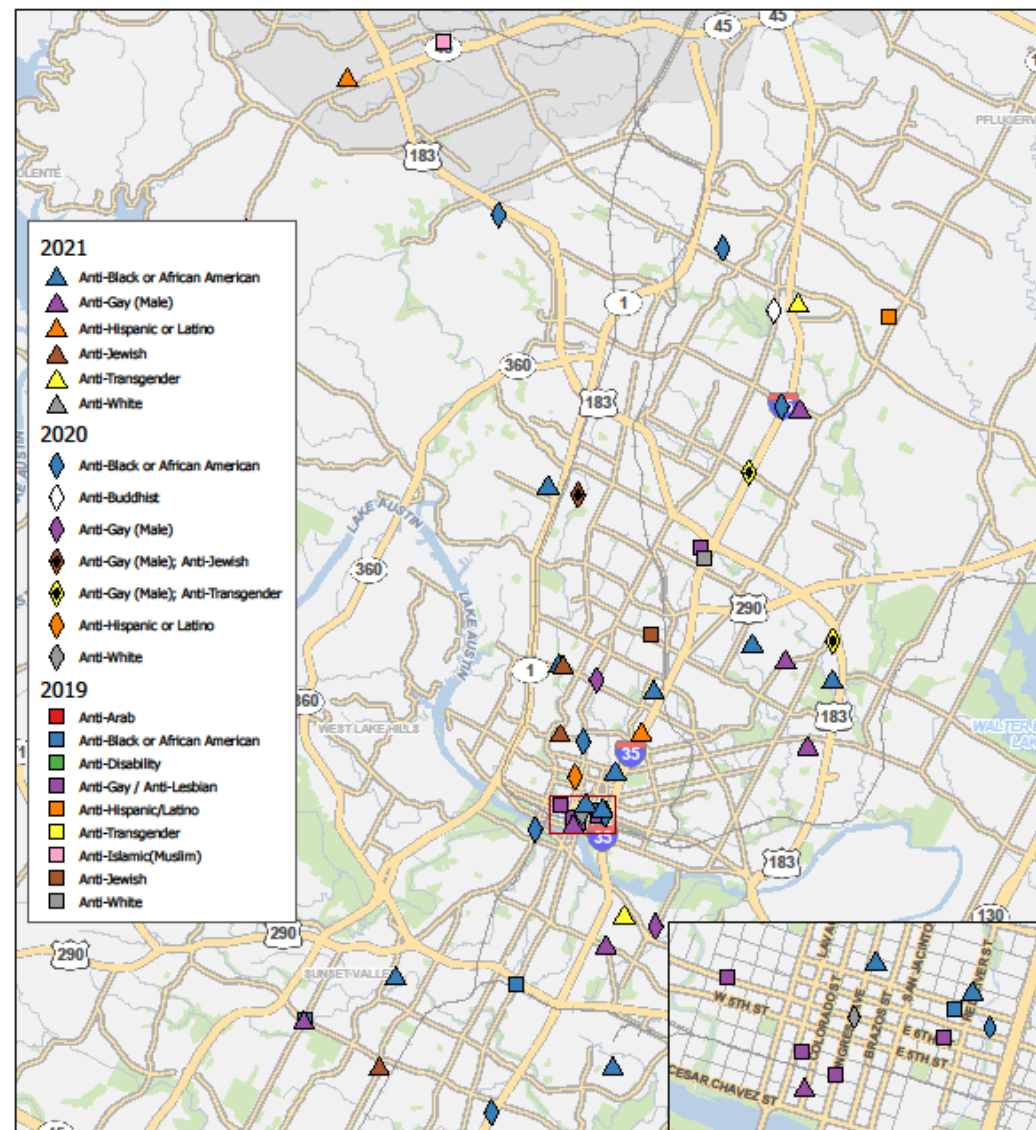
Anti-LGBTQ+: 5

2021

Total: 25

Anti-LGBTQ+: 8





Hate Crimes by Bias Type 2019-2021



INFORMATION SYSTEMS

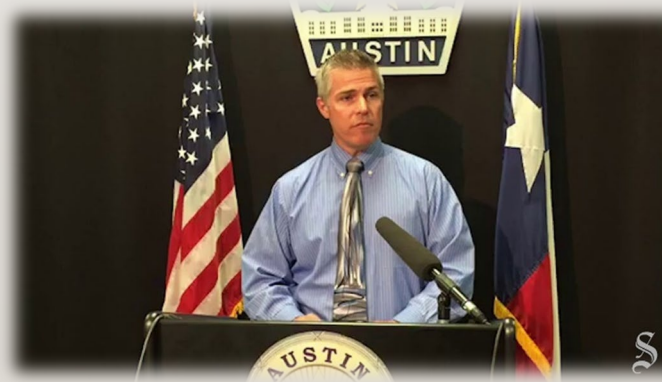


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APD HATE CRIME REVIEW TEAM

- Patrol officers flag hate crime reports
 - 9 people; sworn and civilian
 - Meet once a month
- Review team searches keywords/phrases



911 VS. 311

APD Policy change effective 10/1/2021

Dial/Text* 911 to make a hate crime report if:

- There is a threat to life or property
- There is a medical emergency



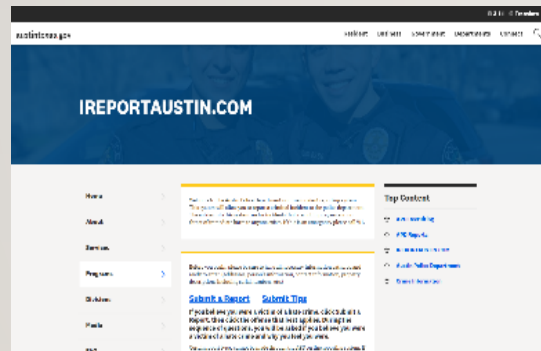
Dial 311 to make a hate crime report if:

- Crime has already occurred
- No threat to life or property
- Suspect(s) is no longer on scene

** Currently only available in English*

2 WAYS TO REPORT A CRIME ELECTRONICALLY

IREPORTAUSTIN.COM



Atlas One app



HATE CRIME INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

APDHateCrimes@austintexas.gov

"I speak... Urdu."

"I speak... Farsi"

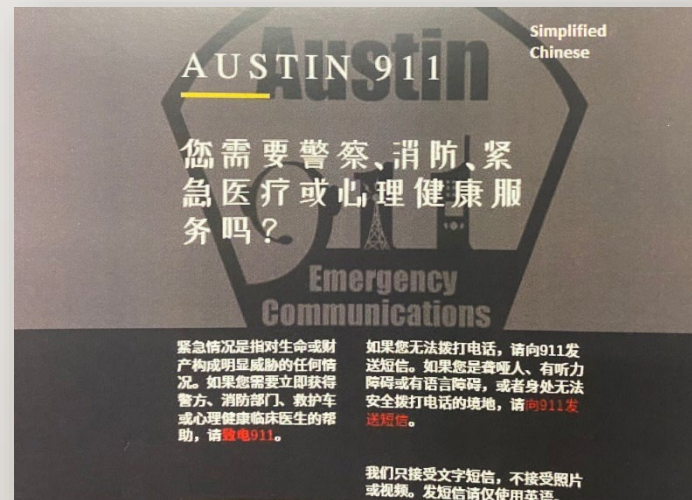
"I speak... Kinyarwanda."

"I speak... Tagalog."

"I speak... Dari."



RESOURCES FOR VICTIM/PARTICIPANT



-APD Victim Services/Crisis Team

-Language Line



HOW TO PARTICIPATE



1) Entity in APD's jurisdiction

2) Receive authorization

3) Visit ***APDSAFEPLACE.ORG*** and
complete online registration form

4) Receive a 30-min in-person or virtual training

5) Commit to the Safe Place Initiative principles





QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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